

Telegrams from Alexander Graham Bell to Sir Thomas Biddulph, From January 2, 1878, to January 3, 1878

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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Handed in at the Mr Osborn Office at 11 45 .M., Received here at 11 56 .M.,

From To Sir L Biddulph Professor Bell 5 Cromwell Prk Osborne

What day would you propose to skew Telephone to the Queen here

A. POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS. No. of Message Prefix Code (Inland Telegrams.)

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FROM Please Write Distinctly. TO Alexander Graham Bell Addresses Free. Sir Thomas Biddulph 57 West Cromwell Road Osborne Kensington

It will give me pleasure to show the telephone to 1/- the Queen at any time that may be convenient. I # should prefer Thursday or Friday # of next week. I await her Majesty's commands.

JAS TRUSCOTT & SON, London. Commands. SEE OVER.

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Handed in at the Osborne Office at 12 55 .M., Received here at 1.5 p .M.

From Biddulph Osborne To Professor Bell or Bell

The Queen will fix Friday the eleventh to see the telephone if convenient